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COCO PETROL PUMPS BY BHARAT PETROLEUM
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Company Owned Company Operated (COCO) petrol pumps being run by Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited without having any lease right in favour of the Corporation;

(b) the details of the circumstances responsible for the development of such COCOs in the country;

(c) whether there COCOs are still being operated as adhoc dealership by the land owners who are the owners of another dealership in the area;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government would conduct detailed enquiry regarding misuse and wastage of PSUs funds; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) has reported that only one Company-Owned-Company-Operated (COCO) Retail Outlet (RO) at Nanakpur, District Kapurthala, Punjab is being operated without having any lease right in favour of the Corporation.

(b) In response to an advertisement for land, an offer was received by BPCL from the landlord for the above site. The site was found suitable by the nominated committee. Draft Lease Agreement was signed by the landlord and the RO was developed after obtaining necessary approvals. The RO was commissioned with one of the co-owners of the land as COCO operator. The lease was to be registered subsequently after completion of certain formalities. Subsequently, the landlord refused to register the lease and the matter is being pursued with the landlords by the Corporation.

(c)&(d):The COCO operator is the landlady who is one of the landlords of the above location and she is not a signatory to any dealership. However, her husband is an IBP dealer.

(e)&(f): BPCL has further reported that the RO was commissioned during the year 2003-2004 and the average sales have been around 43 KLs MS and 121 KLs HSD per month. Considering the high sales being achieved, there has been no wastage of funds.